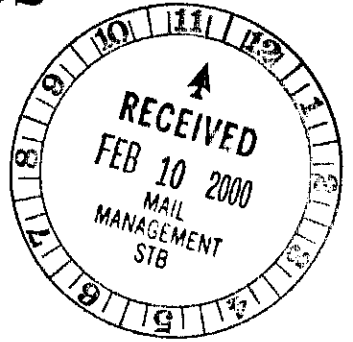


# Green Boys Foods

Manufacturers of Mayonnaise, Pickles, Relish, Dressings, Etc.



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Secretary  
U.S. Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear U.S. Surface Transportation Board,

This letter is in response to the proposed merger of Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Canadian National Railroads. Green Boys Foods is a food manufacturing plant located in Southern California. We rely on the railroads for many of our raw materials that we use in our facility. We have come to expect quality service and timely delivery from our railroad (Union Pacific).

We are concerned that if this merger goes through, the remaining railroad companies will have to consolidate in order to try to match this rail giant. In the long term this will be bad for most rail customers like ourselves. Not only will there be less competition, but a whole new round of mergers will disrupt everyone involved. We are just beginning to see the benefits of Union Pacific's merger last year. For the most part bigger is definitely not better for consumers.

Our service has seen continued improvement since last year's UP/SP merger. Our main concern is that a new round of mergers will disrupt our service, and ultimately lead to the formation of two giant railroads serving all of North America.

Please consider all of these implications when deciding whether to let this merger go through.

Sincerely,

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